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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A306  
Washington, D.C. 20554


**Re: ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (SAC 269007) ("East Kentucky Network"), please find attached a copy of East Kentucky Network's FCC Form 481 Carrier Annual Report, filed pursuant to Section 54.313 of the Commission's Rules ("Form 481 Report"), for Program Year 2018. The Form 481 Report has been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File System, and was successfully certified on June 22, 2017.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions arise concerning the above-referenced enclosures or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



David A. LaFuria  
Steven M. Chernoff  
John Cimko

Attorneys for:  
*East Kentucky Network, LLC*  
*d/b/a Appalachian Wireless*

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request  
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&lt;300&gt; Unfulfilled service request (voice)

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&lt;310&gt; Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

&lt;320&gt; Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

&lt;330&gt; Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered both fixed and mobile voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	0 . 0
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
269007KY510.pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

<b>(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations</b>		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	269007KY610.pdf





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**(800) Operating Companies  
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless
<811>	Holding Company	East Kentucky Network, LLC
<812>	Operating Company	NA

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting  
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&lt;900&gt; Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

&lt;910&gt; Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

&lt;920&gt; Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability  
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<1000>      Voice services rate comparability certification      Not Applicable

<1010>      Attach detailed description for voice services rate  
comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

<1020>      Broadband comparability certification

<1030>      Attach detailed description for broadband  
comparability compliance

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Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
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&lt;1100&gt; Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.appalachianwireless.com/?page=local>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

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**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}**

&lt;2016&gt; Certification support used to build broadband

**Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}**

&lt;2017A&gt; Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

&lt;2017C&gt; Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

&lt;2018&gt; Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing  
Required Information

&lt;2019&gt; Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)



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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:	
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	(2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3022)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)**

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**Financial Data Summary**

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

**4001.** Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

**4003a.** RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez &amp; Sachs, LLP</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP
Name of Reporting Carrier:	EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Michael Huffman
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Financial Operations Director
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6063391164 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	269007 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

<b>Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier</b>	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC DBA APPALACHIAN WIRELESS
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Lukas, LaFuria, Gutierrez & Sachs, LLP
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/22/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	John Cimko
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Attorney
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	7035848686 ext.
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## Attachments

<b>(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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**Line 510 – Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (“East Kentucky Network”), hereby certifies that it has reviewed its service quality and consumer protection practices as in effect during calendar year 2016, which it followed and continues to follow in connection with its provision of voice services and broadband services, and that these practices ensure that East Kentucky Network:

- (1) Discloses rates and terms of its voice services and broadband services to customers.
- (2) Makes available maps showing where voice services and broadband services are generally available.
- (3) Provides contract terms to customers and confirms changes in voice service and broadband service.
- (4) Allows a trial period for new voice service or broadband service.
- (5) In advertising of prices for voice services or broadband services, provides specific disclosures of material charges and conditions related to the advertised prices and services.
- (6) Separately identifies carrier charges from taxes on billing statements.
- (7) Provides customers the right to terminate voice service or broadband service as a result of changes to material contract terms.
- (8) Provides ready access to customer service.
- (9) Promptly responds to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies.

- (10) Abides by policies for the protection of customer privacy.
- (11) Provides consumers with free notifications for voice, data and messaging usage, and international roaming.
- (12) Abides by standards regarding the ability of customers, former customers, and individual owners of eligible devices to unlock phones and tablets that are locked by or at the direction of East Kentucky Network.

These service quality and consumer protection practice categories are the same as those included in the CTIA<sup>®</sup> Consumer Code for Wireless Service (“CTIA Code” or “Code”) as currently in effect.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> East Kentucky Network is a member of CTIA, and its service quality and consumer protection practices are in compliance with the voluntary guidelines established in the CTIA Code. The CTIA Code can be viewed on the CTIA website at <http://www.ctia.org/policy-initiatives/voluntary-guidelines/consumer-code-for-wireless-service> (accessed May 22, 2017). The Code adopts “principles, disclosures and practices for wireless service, including voice, messaging and data services for postpaid or prepaid consumers.” *Id.*

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**Line 610 – Network Functionality in Emergency Situations**

Section 54.202(a)(2) of the Commission’s Rules requires that each eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) must “[d]emonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”<sup>1</sup> Section 54.313(a)(6) of the Commission’s Rules requires ETCs to certify that they are “able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202(a)(2)”<sup>2</sup> in connection with their provision of voice and broadband services.

East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (“East Kentucky Network”), hereby certifies that it was able throughout calendar year 2016 and continues to be able to function in emergency situations as set forth in Section 54.202(a)(2) of the Commission’s Rules.

Specifically, East Kentucky Network has deployed sufficient power generators throughout its network and also has the capability to deploy temporary microwave facilities quickly to the extent necessary for its network to remain functional during emergencies. These generators and microwave facilities ensure that (1) a reasonable amount of back-up power is available to ensure functionality without an external power source; (2) East Kentucky Network is able to reroute both voice and broadband traffic around any damaged or otherwise non-functioning facilities; and (3)

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

East Kentucky Network is capable of managing spikes in voice and broadband traffic resulting from emergency situations.

Further, East Kentucky Network maintains the capability to expand its network capacity to keep maximum load at 65 percent or less, so that it is able to handle large spikes that may be caused by emergencies or other extraordinary events. East Kentucky Network also maintains (1) a minimum battery back-up time of 6-8 hours at each of its sites; and (2) fuel levels sufficient to maintain generator operating times at each of its sites ranging from a minimum of 5-7 days up to 12 to 14 days.